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File No: SIC-J-A-257 /2013

Decision No: SIC-J-A-257/2013/369

Sh. Arshid Parvaiz Malik	Appellant	Present
Sh. Lal Hussain Chief Education Officer, Rajouri.	PIO	Present
Sh. Shah Nawaz Khan Zonal Education Officer, Manjakote.		Present

**Jammu
27-11-2013**

Briefly the facts in this appeal are that Sh. Arshid Parvaiz Malik (Advocate) High Court of J&K moved an application dated 17-07-2013 before the PIO/Chief Education Officer, Rajouri under RTI Act, 2009 whereunder he sought the following information:-

- Kindly provide the certified copies of cash book of the office of Zonal Education Officer Manjakote, w.e.f January, 2010 till May, 2013 under your seal and signatures.
- Provide complete information of the zone regarding sanctioning and disbursement of the total funds under each and every head i.e Scholarship, Mid day meal, Sports, Construction, release of salaries of teacher with their names, place of posting and all other heads under which amount has been sanctioned and disbursed w.e.f January, 2010 till May, 2013. The information so provided should be

supported with certified copies of cash books and all other relevant records pertains to aforementioned particulars/information with documentary proof.

- c. Provide information regarding disbursement of scholarship school wise of the zone with names of students, name of schools and total amount paid to the students. Also provide the information regarding total roll of each and every school of zone Manjakote since January, 2010 till May, 2013. In addition to this also provide complete details regarding the release of mid day meal as well as cash relating to the Mid Day Meal scheme for the aforesaid years school wise with documentary proof.
- d. Provide certified copies of feasibility report submitted by ZEO Manjakote pursuant to which New Primary School under SSA and State Plan has been opened in Zone Manjakote since January 2010 till May, 2013 alongwith name of Primary School, Name of village and total roll in the said schools as on date.
- e. Provide certified copies of merit panel of all the schools of zone Manjakote in which vacancies have been created pursuant to advertisement notice no. CEOR/SSA/UPS/EV to RET/2012-13/12972-82 dated 31-07-2013 figuring at serial No. 20 to 35 in the advertisement notice for EGS to Primary Schools of the zone.

The Chief Education Officer, Rajouri/PIO in his counter statement bearing No:CEOR/RTI/30499-500 dated 07-11-2013 submitted before the Commission that RTI application of the information seeker was received in his office on 27-7-2013 and the required information pertained to ZEO Manjakote and as such under section 6(3) of RTI Act, the application of the information seeker was forwarded to ZEO Manjakote vide office letter No:CEOR/RTI/9906-08 dated 29-07-2013 with the direction to provide the requisite information within the stipulated period. The Chief Education Officer, Rajouri further submitted that the information seeker did not pay additional fee/stationery charges amounting to Rs. 36, 700/- (Rs. Thirty six thousand & seven hundred only) as estimated cost of the information demanded by ZEO Manjakote vide his letter No:ZEO/MK/555-556 dated 03-08-2013 and ZEO/MK/595-96 dated 20-08-2013. Both these letters have been submitted for the perusal of Commission and are placed on file

for reference and record. However, the appellant has alleged that these letters were not delivered to him.

The Commission after receiving the appeal of the information seeker, listed matter for hearing on 8-11-2013 and CEO Rajouri and ZEO Manjakote were directed to remain personally present on next date of hearing along with office record. The matter was again listed for hearing on 27-11-2013, the appellant, CEO Rajouri and ZEO Manjakote appeared before the Commission. During the course of proceedings held today, appellant agreed to deposit an amount of Rs. 36,700/- (Rs. Thirty six thousand & seven hundred only) the estimated cost of information in the office of ZEO Manjakote within a week's time. The CEO Rajouri and ZEO Manjakote submitted before the Commission that the information sought by the information seeker is voluminous in nature and it will disproportionately divert the resources of the public authority having only a meager staff at its disposal. They also submitted that the entire record w.e.f January, 2010 till May, 2013 is required to be Xeroxed and requested the Commission for grant of sufficient time to do the needful at their end.

Keeping in view the request of the CEO Rajouri and ZEO Manjakote, for grant of extended period to provide the information to the information seeker and also the submissions made by the appellant, ZEO Manjakote is hereby directed to furnish the certified copies of the requisite information to the information seeker as sought by him in his RTI application and as per office record within 45 days from the date of receipt of cost of information from the appellant. The ZEO Manjakote is further directed to request the appellant to collect the information either personally or through an authorized representative against proper receipt/acknowledgement or sent it to the appellant under a registered

cover at the address given in the RTI application and file compliance report to the Commission.

The appeal is accordingly disposed of.

Notice of this decision be given free of cost to the parties.

Sd/-
Dr. S.K. Sharma
State Information Commissioner

Copy to :

1. The First Appellate Authority / Director School Education, Jammu.
2. The Public Information Officer/Chief Education Officer, Rajouri.
3. The Zonal Education Officer, Manjokote.
4. Sh. Arshid Parvaiz Malik (Advocate) High Court of J&K.

(Khalid A. Shah)
Dy.Registrar,
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